WHEREAS, in spite of the average careful citizen's efforts, the number who die and the many who are injured through accidents and sickness each year has steadily increased; and,

WHEREAS, There are hazards in the home and on the highways that lie beyond the conscious control of the individual, even beyond his human intent and awareness of moral responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we set aside a period of time to focus public attention on the necessity of protection against accident and sickness, emphasizing the importance of a reverence for life-one's own, as well as the lives of others; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Association of Health Underwriters is cooperating in a program to inform the public of the many and broad aspect of health insurance:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of December 5, through December 11, 1976, as

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in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to avail themselves of this opportunity to learn more about health insurance and what it can do for them, especially making this the occasion to see that it is so arranged as to be of utmost value to themselves and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 17th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six

RICHARD F. KNEP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE